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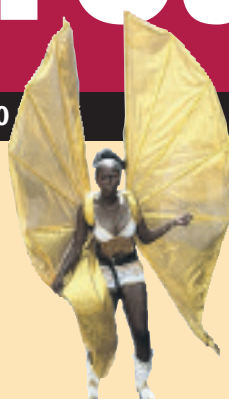
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Come on England!

Town gears up for England's opening match against the United States



Let there be light



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MEMBERS of the public got the first glimpse of Northampton's £458,000 Market Square lights on Tuesday night.

In front of an audience of more than 100 civic dignitaries and members of the public, the new illuminations were turned on for the first time.

Northampton Borough Council's cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Richard Church (*Lib Dem, Kingsthorpe*)

said: "They look great and really show off the buildings well. They make the Market Square look really inviting."

The lights covered all four corners of the square, pulsing in a range of colours to light up the historic buildings.

Market trader Eamonn Fitzpatrick said: "I'm pretty impressed with them, but I don't think they'll bring people into town."

Among members of the public who turned out for the switch-on was David Pottinger, from Towcester. He said: "I'm not sure it

will encourage people to hang around in the evening, but they're quite bold and I think it was worth doing."

The council first announced plans to install the lighting scheme in October 2009. When it is working fully, displays will include animated images of Nobel Prize winning physicist and former Northampton resident, Francis Crick, ballet dancing across the front of Peacock Place.

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Two witnesses, who were originally arrested on suspicion of murder, have now been released without charge after the body was recovered in Midsummer Meadow on Monday.

Officers from Northamptonshire Police are still trying to contact the dead man's family. He was a Latvian national aged in his 30s, who had only been in England for three months before he died.

A spokesman for Northamptonshire Police said the force had initially treated the death as suspected murder, but confirmed on Tuesday the circumstances were not suspicious.

He said: "The body was recovered by divers from Nottinghamshire in the Midsummer Meadow area at shortly

after 6.30pm on Monday.

"Two Latvian nationals, living in Northampton, who were at the riverside at the time of the man's disappearance, were in a distressed state and initially it was difficult to get accounts from them.

"They were subsequently arrested on suspicion of murder but, once their accounts had been fully established, they were released without charge."

He said preliminary examinations found "no significant injuries".

"These preliminary enquiries suggest that the man died by way of drowning, with no third party involvement, but a standard post mortem will be completed and a report prepared for the coroner", he added.

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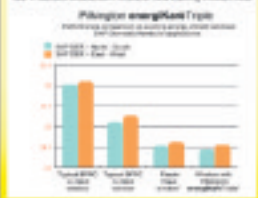
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Alan Costello, GMB regional officer, said: "The Coca-Cola workforce are seeking national bargaining and the management have turned this down. The next step is to move to a formal ballot for strike action as employees have already voted by 96 per cent in a con-

sultative ballot to take strike action to secure national bargaining covering all 13 UK sites."

The ballot will start tomorrow with the result expected before the end of the month.

Coca-Cola recently announced changes to its pension scheme meaning workers have to work to age 65 instead of 60 or lose up to a quarter of their pension.

A spokeswoman for Coca-Cola said: "We remain in, and are committed to, dialogue with all our employees and with the unions, and we firmly believe this offers the prospect of a constructive outcome, unlike industrial action."

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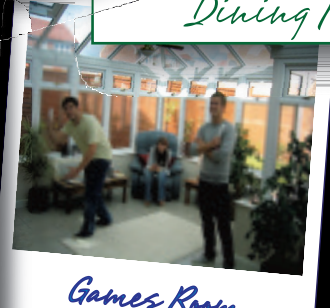
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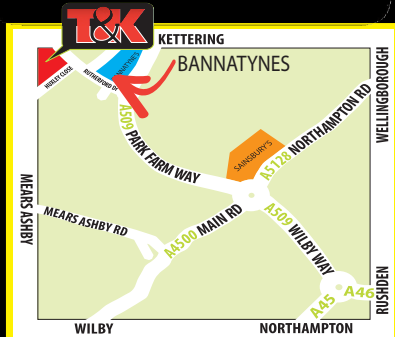
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Author Bryson on litter pick

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Mr Bryson is the president of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and took part in a litter pick with members of the county branch around the Carlsberg brewery in Far Cotton, as part of a union between the two bodies to tackle the growing problem of litter.

The CPRE and Carlsberg are calling on people to be responsible with their rubbish and think twice before they 'drink and drop'.

Mr Bryson said: "We have this really beautiful county here and on the whole we do quite a good job of picking up urban litter, but it's countryside litter and litter in places like this. People are getting the idea it is quite normal and natural to drop litter."

His message is for people to take their rubbish with them rather than drop it on the floor, a mindset he related back to the historic removal of litter bins because of IRA and terrorist threats.

But he questioned how hard it was for someone to put an empty crisp bag in their pocket, rather than idly throw it down.

He added: "If you have an empty drinks can and you ask a member of staff at a train station what to do with it, they will say put it down. I think it's easy for young people to get the idea that's what to do with rubbish."

"Litter is something that, whether we drop it or not, we all have to take some responsibility for. It's very nice when a big company like Carlsberg gets involved and shows support."

Isaac Sheps, CEO of Carlsberg UK, said: "Carlsberg has a programme of corporate social responsibility and one of the elements of this is taking care of society, and the environment is a part of this."



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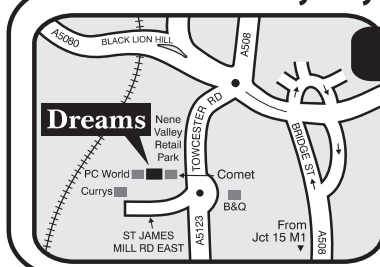
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Staff at the Co-op in Westburgh Square, Daventry, were restrained using cable wires for around 15 minutes when the boys carried out the robbery on Monday at around 7.45am.

The pair stole a "considerable amount" of cash before running away down Emmanuel Close, a spokesman for Northamptonshire Police said.

The staff were left unhurt but shaken up following the incident.

Detective Sergeant Gan Thayanithy, who is leading the investigation, said: "We are still at the stage of gathering together a full picture of the events."

"We are very grateful to those members of the public who contacted us with good early information about this incident, it has proved to be of consid-

erable benefit to the investigation."

The boys were believed to be aged between 16 and 18 and covered their faces with either T-shirts or cycle masks. One was wearing a white shellsuit.

The robbery has been linked to a similar incident that happened at the Westburgh Square shop on April 26.

Last week the Co-op in Newnham Road, St Davids, in Northampton, was the scene of another robbery in which the manager was confronted by three robbers armed with golf clubs and a claw hammer. It was the fifth time in three years the Kingsthorpe store had been targeted by thieves.

Helen Seed, public relations manager for the Co-op, said the firm was appealing for anyone with information about the robbery to contact police.

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THE friend of a "miracle" survivor who lived through six cardiac arrests and a stroke during a 48-hour period is to receive an award for his role in keeping him alive.

Tom Hanlon was twice resuscitated by his friend, retired paramedic Frank Mills, after collapsing in his garden last September.

The 47-year-old, of Nether Heyford, eventually made a full recovery in hospital but has never forgotten the actions of his friend which, he says, saved his life.

Mr Mills has now been selected to receive an Anne Frank Award for his work, after being nominated by Mr Hanlon.

Mr Hanlon said: "It will be extremely pleasurable for me to see Frank receive his award. As far as I'm concerned he's God, he's the man."

"I was essentially dead and if he hadn't done what he did I wouldn't be here now."

"He's never sought any accolade, thanks or publicity and he thoroughly deserves this award."

Mr Mills, aged 62, of St James, said: "I was gobsmacked to be



Tom Hanlon (left), who survived six cardiac arrests in 48 hours, and the man who saved his life, Frank Mills

nominated. I couldn't believe it.

"I was a paramedic in London in the 1970s and my work instincts just took over. I went into overdrive and had to do what I had to do."

"It would have been the same whether it had been a stranger or a friend."

"I'm in awe of the award. I'm pleased but I didn't expect anything like this."

The awards, selected by the Northampton Youth Forum, recognise people who act in an inspirational, kind or compassionate way and show great personal strength, moral courage and determination to stand up for what is right.

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Temple funds bid

MORE than 100 Sikh families are preparing for a huge fundraising challenge to find £150,000 to complete the refit of their new temple.

Members of the Ramgarhia Board Northampton Sikh Temple, in Craven Street, The Mounts, need to raise the cash to get their new premises in Cromwell Street up to scratch.

The office building was bought by the group in April for £400,000 from Northamptonshire County Council and will serve as a multi-faith educational centre for the community.

Raj Bassan, a volunteer at the temple, said: "The cur-

rent temple is too small. Nobody really wants to hold any big celebrations like weddings there because we can't fit everyone in and there aren't any parking facilities. The new premises are larger with a private car park and much more suitable."

The current temple is for sale and the congregation hopes to move into Cromwell Street by April next year.

One floor will be converted into a temple with a kitchen, while the second will be split into three areas - a conference room, a library and IT centre and a gym.

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Jen Bourke, Annie Marriott and Marina Brown and Stuart Gudgeon contemplate their leap

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Dog lovers in leap of faith

STAFF, volunteers and supporters of a county animal rescue centre are preparing to jump out of a plane at 13,000ft to raise money for new kennels for some of its long-term residents.

A team of eight is planning a sponsored skydive tomorrow at Hinton-in-the-Hedges airfield near Brackley to help raise £20,000 for a block of retirement kennels at Animals in Need for dogs that cannot be rehomed.

The group includes manager Annette Marriott, her 20-year-old son, Stuart Gudgeon, and several volunteers and supporters of the charity, including Marina Brown, receptionist at Northampton veterinary practice Vets4Pets.

Annette said: "We have some older dogs who have a few problems with either their health or their temperament that we wouldn't feel safe rehoming. As we have a non-destruct policy, we want to build a nice block of kennels for them to live in where they

will have peace and quiet and be out of the way instead of being on public display.

"Most dogs that come here are just passing through. They are neutered, vaccinated, wormed, flea treated, microchipped and rehomed.

"The kennels we have are adequate for that, but they're not particularly luxurious and it would be nice to give the long-term dogs somewhere quiet where they can look out over the fields, instead of having to be in the same area as the other dogs."

Annette said she was looking forward to the jump.

She said: "I've done several skydives and I love it - I could do it for a living. It's just amazing, and I think everyone should do one. The others are a bit nervous, but they're determined to go through with it. I know they will do it for the dogs."

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Street survey shame for south of county

A SURVEY shaming the country's dirtiest streets has named South Northamptonshire as the fourth worst in England. The area also topped the regional table for East Midlands.

The 346 local councils across England responsible for keeping roads clean were ranked according to how filthy their streets were by GMB, Britain's general workers' union.

The tables were based on the latest figures from the Audit Commission from 2008/2009.

The survey found that almost half - 43 per cent - of the roads in South Northamptonshire District Council did not reach an "acceptable level of cleanliness" because of the amount of detritus on them, which included grit, mud, rotted leaves, fallen blossom, glass and plastic.

Six per cent fell below the acceptable level because of litter problems.

But Councillor Rebecca Breese (*Con, Steane*), portfolio holder for the environment and waste management for South Northamptonshire Council, said: "South Northamptonshire has very clean and tidy streets and our team works hard



An overflowing rubbish bin in a road on the outskirts of Towcester yesterday

to ensure that this is the case.

"We clean the streets of Towcester and Brackley every day.

"With nearly one hundred villages there is a reasonably high number of rotted fallen leaves and blossom.

"Residents don't complain about this; if they contact us, it is about litter and our figure is very low at only six per cent."

A spokeswoman for South Northamptonshire Council added recent surveys showed an improvement on 2008/09 figures.

The rest of the county did not fair much better, with Daventry placed as

17th dirtiest in England and third dirtiest in the East Midlands. Northampton ranked 35th worst in the country and sixth in the region.

Andy Worth, GMB regional secretary, said: "Local communities deserve clean and healthy environments.

"GMB know that clean streets are perfectly feasible everywhere, it's just a matter of ensuring there are enough properly trained and equipped street cleaners employed to do the job."

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Police checks target drivers

A POLICE crackdown on illegal driving in Northampton resulted in 61 fixed penalty notices being handed out in only four hours.

Officers in Bedford Road and Towcester Road on Saturday stopped cars whose drivers were spotted talking on their mobile phones, not wearing a seatbelt or driving without insurance.

In total, 44 drivers and passengers were handed £60 fines for failing to wear a seatbelt; three vehicles were seized after it emerged the drivers did not have insurance; and five people were issued with notices for number plate offences.

Other drivers were issued penalties for not having a valid MoT certificate and for offences including defective tyres and fog lights.

Eleven verbal cautions were also given.

PC Dave Lee, leading the operation, said: "We are determined to make Northamptonshire's roads even safer and will continue to tackle those motorists who continue to break the law."

He highlighted particular concerns over the high number of people stopped who were not wearing their seatbelt.

"During our operation we found 44 people who were not



Police spoke to drivers in Bedford Road and Towcester Road on Saturday in a crackdown on a range of motoring offences

wearing a seatbelt, something that should be taken extremely seriously," he said.

"Someone not wearing a seatbelt involved in a collision is more likely to die than someone who is wearing one. That is why it is vitally important all people travelling in vehicles spend just a few seconds belting up before every journey."

In a similar operation on Fri-

day, officers stopped 40 motorists in three hours for either talking on a mobile phone while driving or for not wearing a seatbelt.

People were given endorsable fixed penalty notices of a £60 fine and three points on their licence for mobile phone use while 10 people were issued with non-endorsable fixed penalty notices of a £60 fine for not wearing a seatbelt.

Meet stars of racetrack

FANS of motorcycle racing can meet stars including Valentino Rossi, Bradley Smith and Jorge Lorenzo at Silverstone next week.

The bikers will be at the Day of Champions held at the Northamptonshire circuit ahead of the British MotoGP weekend, to help raise money for Pitsford-based charity, Riders for Health, which provides health workers in Africa with reliable transport so they can reach isolated communities.

Visitors to Silverstone for the Day of Champions event on Thursday, June 17, can see the sports stars live on stage as they auction leathers, helmets and signed pictures of themselves, and enjoy stunt shows, live music and track rides.

Tours of the paddock and pit lane will also be available on the day for a limited number of visitors.

Mr Smith said: "Riders for Health is a fantastic cause and it is good to know motorcycles are doing great things saving lives in Africa. We take it for granted when we race them on track, but it is good to know they are out there saving lives too."

"Day of Champions is always very special because as a British rider when I step out on stage it's great to be welcomed to my home GP. I am really looking forward to the event this year and to raising as much money as possible for Riders for Health."

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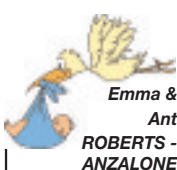
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Its reputation as a proper 4x4 brand should stand Mitsubishi and the ASX in good stead with buyers in an area of the market where appearances count for a lot. This isn't the first time that the Japanese marque has ventured away from producing hardcore 4x4 models either. The Outlander compact 4x4 took a more road-biased approach but that car still retains a level of ability in the rough. The ASX slots in below the Outlander and is designed expressly to perform on the Tarmac. Although four-wheel-drive models are available, many will be ordered in front-wheel-drive form to keep costs down.

Mitsubishi's engines haven't always been the last word in sophistication, the manufacturer often having to borrow technology in from elsewhere. The ASX could signal a change to all that with its advanced petrol and diesel units that were developed in-house. The petrol engine option is a 1.6-litre 115bhp unit with MIVEC variable valve timing technology. It's offered exclusively with the

front-wheel-drive transmission and generates 154Nm of torque at 4,000rpm.

Better still is the 1.8-litre DiD diesel which packs 148bhp and 300Nm of torque from 2,000rpm. That's a lot of grunt for a unit of this size and there's no shortage of technology behind it. The engine is of all-aluminium construction with common-rail injection and it also uses MIVEC valve timing – the first time such technology has been employed in a diesel passenger car. This unit is predicted to be the big seller and comes in front or four-wheel-drive guise with a six-speed manual gearbox in place of the petrol's five-speed item.

Looks are very important for crossover 4x4s like the ASX, the hint of off-road ruggedness being a big part of what separates them from more mundane superminis and family hatchbacks. The ASX doesn't disappoint here but its key stylistic devices are borrowed not from the mighty Shogun 4x4 but from the Lancer hatchback. The vast 'jet-fighter' grille that dominates the car's snout-like nose, bordered by its squinty headlamps, had ample aggression to grace the front of the Lancer Evolution X rally-replica so it should get the ASX noticed. Elsewhere the design is more conventional small 4x4 with the flared wheelarches, elevated ride height and roof rails.

The cabin isn't hugely adventurous in its design with a proliferation of dark plastics lightly peppered with metallic detailing. The control layout is simple and you certainly aren't overwhelmed by too many

buttons. The rear seat backs recline to help passengers get more comfortable and there's an optional panoramic glass roof to flood the cabin with light. Luggage space is up to 416 litres but the 60:40 split Easy-fold rear seats can be dropped down to increase that total substantially. A storage tray under the boot floor can hold an extra 30 litres.

It hasn't been easy to keep track of the small 4x4 market in recent times. At 4,295mm long and 1770mm wide, the ASX slots in at the smaller end of the compact 4x4 class and represents a realistic alternative to family hatchbacks and larger superminis in terms of its carrying capacity. Direct rivals will include road-biased crossover 4x4s like the Nissan Qashqai, Skoda Yeti and Suzuki SX4. It runs on fully-independent suspension with Macpherson struts at the front and a multi-link

arrangement at the rear. Electric power steering with reach and angle adjustment is standard on all models.

Standard equipment on the ASX includes ASC Active Stability Control, a CD stereo with MP3 compatibility, air-conditioning and seven airbags. Mitsubishi tends to campaign strongly on the value for money angle and the ASX should be no exception.

Mitsubishi is making its ClearTec package of low CO2 modifications standard on all versions of the ASX. The highlight of this is the Automatic Stop & Go system which turns the engine off when you're stationary to save fuel but there's also a diesel particulate filter on the oil-burning models,

use of LED lights to save power, low rolling resistance tyres and a number of other features. One of the major efficiency savings buyers can make themselves is by choosing a two-wheel-drive ASX. It typically emits 5g/km less than an equivalent 4x4 model.

Think of Mitsubishi and you might think of big 4x4 vehicles that can plough through the most treacherous terrain but the ASX is a 4x4 from Mitsubishi that's designed to take things easier. As the Japanese marque's entrant in the burgeoning crossover 4x4 market, the ASX replicates the tough looks but is a far smaller and softer proposition overall. It looks a tempting alternative to the ordinary family hatchbacks and superminis that

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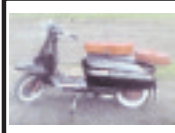


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Sport

Sammo on verge of double swoop

COBBLERS boss Ian Sampson is hoping to announce two new signings by the end of this week.

The Town manager is currently away on a League Managers Association-organised course at the University of Warwick, but he is also involved in negotiations to bring the unnamed duo to Sixfields.

Sampson, who revealed he has also received a couple of knock-backs from targets in recent

weeks, is keen to start bolstering his playing squad and says he is close to doing just that.

"I have a couple of players I am in talks with at the moment, but nothing has been committed as yet," said the Cobblers boss.

"By the end of this week I am confident that I will have signed two players."

Sampson didn't want to divulge the players' playing positions, but he did reveal that one is a youngster who has been released from

a Premier League club, while the other is an experienced pro.

"We are just trying to find the right balance between experience and youth," added the Sixfields supremo, who admits trying to find the type of quality he really wants is proving a tricky task.

It was felt that players may have to get more realistic over wage demands this summer as the credit crunch bites, but Sampson said: "The good players are

still commanding good money. The ones that we are after are in demand by other clubs as well, so they can hedge their bets a little bit and try and command a better wage.

"We have lost out on a couple already, but that's the way it is."

Some Cobblers fans may be beginning to get a little frustrated with the lack of bodies going through the in-door at Sixfields so far this summer, but a relaxed

Sampson is taking it all in his stride.

"I am not frustrated at all, that's just the way it is at the moment," said the Town boss. "There doesn't seem to have been that many signings made anywhere, but hopefully we will get those two in this week."

One of the players Sampson may have missed out on is Leyton Orient central defender Stephen Purches, who instead has opted to join Coca-Cola League One side Bournemouth.

Dowson's England call



ENGLAND have called up Northampton's Phil Dowson for their Australian tour as cover for the injured Hendre Fourie.

Dowson will join the squad from the England Saxons' North American tour after Fourie injured his right calf against the Australian Barbarians.

The forward will join fellow Saints Ben Foden, Chris Ashton, Shane Geraghty and Courtney Lawes on the trip Down Under.

The Saints ace, who joined the club last summer from Newcastle Falcons, was unlucky to be left out of the initial tour squad after being shortlisted for the Guinness Premiership Player of the Season award.

Leicester-bound lock George Skivington will replace Dowson as Saxons skipper on the trip to North America, with Saracens flanker Andy Saull being added to the squad.

Dowson had been expecting to skipper the Saxons in their opening game against Russia last night, but now he will be in Australia and in the stands for tomorrow's opening Test against the Wallabies.

Meanwhile, Jim Mallinder says Saints' Heineken Cup group is wide open.

Tuesday's draw pitted Northampton against European Challenge Cup holders Cardiff Blues, Edinburgh and French Top 14 outfit Cas-

tre Olympiques. Saints boss Mallinder will be quietly confident of getting out of the group.

The draw couldn't have given his side much more of a chance of qualifying for the quarter-finals for the second season running.

Mallinder said: "It is a promising draw for us. We have ambitions of becoming one of Europe's top teams that reaches the knockout stages of the Heineken Cup on a regular basis and this group is wide open.

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"We learned a great deal from our trips in Europe this season, especially the games at Thomond Park, and are eager to put these lessons into practice next season."

Cardiff were the lowest ranked side in the tier one plot, while Edinburgh have never reached the knockout stages. Castres, who finished fifth in the Top 14, will be difficult at their Stade Pierre-Antoine ground, but they have only got out of the pool stage once, reaching the semi-finals in 2001/02.

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